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SUBJ: GOC COMMENT ON CRITICAL SWEDISH AND DUTCH STATEMENTS

1. DURING REGULAR FRIDAY PRESS CONFERENCE SEPT 13, UNDER SEC FON RELS COLLADOS COMMENTED THAT RECENT JOINT STATEMENT HIGHLY CRITICAL OF CHILEAN JUNTA ISSUED BY SWEDISH AND DUTCH PRIME MINISTERS IN THE HAGUE WAS "LAMENTABLE."

COLLADOS EXPLAINED STATEMENT ON BASIS THAT GOVERNMENTS IN BOTH COUNTRIES ARE POLITICALLY SHAKY AND THEREFORE MUST MAKE CONCESSIONS TO SOME EXTREMIST MINORITIES, ESPECIALLY IN FOREIGN POLICY AREA.

2. COMMENTING ON PRESS REPORTS OF A SHARPLY ANTI-JUNTA SPEECH BY SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME IN MALMO, JUNTA PRESS SPOKESMAN WILLOUGHBY SEPT 15 DESCRIBED SPEECH AS "AN EMOTIONAL REACTION WHICH DOES NOT COMPROMISE THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN CHILE AND SWEDEN." WILLOUGHBY SAID GOC WOULD AWAIT REPORT OF ITS EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM BEFORE ISSUING ANY OFFICIAL COMMENT. RIGHTWING LA SEGUNDA, HOWEVER, CALLED FOR "ENERGETIC RESPONSE" BY CHILE.

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3. COMMENT: GOC IS KEENLY AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF

CHILE ISSUE ON SWEDISH DOMESTIC SCENE, AS REPORTED IN
STOCKHOLM 4064. NON-POLEMICAL GOC RESPONSE TO WHAT
COULD EASILY BE INTERPRETED AS SEVERE PROVOCATIONS INDICATES
GOC INTENTION TO DOWNPLAY STATEMENTS, IN MARKED CONTRAST
TO EARLIER ROUNDS BETWEEN GOC AND ITS SWEDISH ANTAGONISTS.
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